

Minutes of the December 16, 2024, Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Denver City Independent School District

A Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Denver City Independent School District was held Monday, December 16, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Denver City Independent School District, 501 Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX. The Public Hearing was to present an overview of the financial integrity rating system of Texas and allow for discussion.

Members present: Brad Woosley, Alan Peters, Danny Escalante, Cecil Robles, and Cody Ellison

Members Absent: Eloy Gutierrez and Bo Wells

School Personnel Present: Rick Martinez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Taunya Campbell, Kristi Ivy, Elizabeth Calk, Lisa Robinson, and Zach Duncan

Visitors Present: Kerri Harvey, Duwane Billings, and Bonnie Billings

Kristi Ivy, CFO, welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing on the district's FIRST rating and financial management. Mrs. Ivy began by explaining the FIRST rating, which measures a school district's financial accountability with four critical indicators, solvency indicators and financial competency indicators. She went into detail explaining each indicator and compared the 2022-23 indicators with the ratings from 2021-22. The district received an F substandard score for 2022-2023; however, it was apparent the school district had made improvements on several of the indicators from the prior school year rating. She continued with the fiscal management report which explained where to locate the superintendent contract, reimbursements received by the superintendent and school board members, compensation and fees received by the superintendent for any outside work, summary of any gifts received (greater than \$250) by executive officers and board members, and any transactions by board members and the school district. Mrs. Ivy told the board that TEA had accepted the corrective action plan from the 2021-22 F rating and had closed their desk audit review. Mrs. Ivy closed by stating the district has implemented internal controls and procedures that have improved the financial accountability of the district.

There was no Public Discussion.

At 6:09 PM, motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cody Ellison to adjourn the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President Danny Escalante called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:09 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Texas Flag and the invocation.

There was no public discussion.

Motion was made by Cody Ellison and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

The following information items were presented for perusal of the Board: Financial Report, Investments, Enrollment Report, Excalibur Report, and the Utilities Report.

Motion was made by Cody Ellison and seconded by Cecil Robles to approve the 2025-2026 West TX food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement Renewal. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Alan Peters and seconded by Brad Woosley to approve the 2024 Results Driven Accountability District Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cody Ellison and seconded by Cecil Robles to review Superintendent Evaluation. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cody Ellison and seconded by Dr. Alan Peters to approve the Resignations of Christina Espinoza-Business Office, and Angel Garica, Aide-Kelley Elementary School as well as the Reassignments of Douglas Duncan from Jr. High Assistant Principal to Athletic Director/Head Football Coach and Cody McGuire from Athletic Director/Head Football Coach to Assistant Principal/Bill Gravitt Jr. High. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rick Martinez reported on the following:

- Roofs/Greg Carroll Spoke as well
- FCC Wireless
- Auditor, Kim Barrington is at district conducting financial audit
- Held Meeting with Ministerial Alliance
- January School Board Meeting will be held at the DCHS Lecture Hall
- School Board Appreciation January School Board Meeting
- Student recognition January School Board Meeting
- Staff Incentives
- Jet Grant Update

Motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cody Ellison to go into closed session at 6:42 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:26 PM.

There being no further business, motion was made by Brad Woosley and seconded by Cody Ellison to adjourn at 7: 27 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Danny Escalante, President of the Board

Approved: 01/20/2025

Bo Wells, Secretary of the Board